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Applicant : David Cox  
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed on June 10, 2002 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire September 10, 2002. This response is filed within the statutory period.